

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, and 11 are sought to be amended. Applicants believe that these changes introduce no new matter. Accordingly, entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

II. Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-12, 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 5,970,475 to Barnes et al. ("Barnes"). In the Office Action, the Examiner contends that each and every element recited in the aforementioned claims is disclosed in Barnes. Applicants respectfully disagree for at least the following reasons.

The invention recited in independent claim 1 includes a price database storing price information about parts and/or products purchased at a plurality of bases from a corresponding supplier, and information of a plurality of bases and the supplier; second designating means for designating parts and/or products; and second display control means for displaying price information about the parts and/or products purchased at the plurality of bases and designated by the second designating means and the corresponding information of bases and supplier on the display means. Independent claims 6 and 11 recite similar features. Thus, in these claims, supplier as well as base are displayed.

In contrast, Barnes discloses that the supplier system includes a catalog and an order processor containing information regarding all of the supplier's goods. Barnes fails to disclose second display control means for displaying price information about the parts and/or products purchased at the plurality of bases and designated by said second designating means and the corresponding information of bases and supplier on the display means. Accordingly, Barnes fails to teach or suggest the features recited in these rejected claims. Therefore, Applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

III. Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103:

Dependent claims 3, 8 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Barnes in view of Business Wire. In view of the 35 U.S.C. §102 analysis above, Applicants assert that Business Wire fails to cure the aforementioned deficiencies of Barnes. For at least this reason, Applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4684.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4684.

Respectfully submitted,
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